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The Honorable Frederick J. Lawton
Director of the Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lawton:

With my imminent relief from the position of Director of Central Intelligence I would be derelict if I did not take this occasion to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to you and the members of your Bureau who have provided such splendid support and assistance to the Central Intelligence Agency during my tenure of office.

I wish especially to commend to you the following named officials who have carried the burden of review and action on our budget estimates and who have, in all cases of need for advice, guidance and rendering of assistance to this Agency, given service of immeasurable value.

William F. Schaub
G. E. Ramsey, Jr.
Godfrey E. Barber

The understanding and cooperative reaction of the officials named above are so unusual in handling types of peculiar problems not common in government, but of daily incidence in this Agency, as to be outstanding, and are indicative of a practical imagination and breadth of vision not often encountered.

These talents, taken together with a constant philosophy of recommending only those appropriations which are reasonably justifiable and can be expected to be administered with efficiency and economy, are indicative of the finest type of public servant. I congratulate you on your good fortune in obtaining and developing such assistants.

I wish to assure you of my continued good wishes for your success in your most important position as Budget Director.

Sincerely,

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R. H. HILLENKOETTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence ILLEGIB

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